



Marshall Zoellner, Rescue Squad Veteran, Describes Activities, Explains Fund Needs

"Most calls for the rescue squad come at inconvenient hours," declared Marshall Zoellner, squad member. "You either have just sat down for dinner, or taking a bath, or sleeping. The siren doesn't call the rescue squad after midnight, and the three men assigned to duty during that time are called by telephone."

Zoellner recalled one early morning, 4 a.m., while carrying a maternity case to Prince Georges Hospital, down Edmonston road. Tom Snoddy was driving the ambulance, and Don Smith and Zoellner were in attendance. A baby was born in the ambulance, enroute between Greenbelt and the hospital. "Mother and child doing nicely," he added.

During a late social affair in Greenbelt a call went out to the rescue squad. **Man having a heart attack; condition critical.** The rescue squad hastened to the scene. Quickly they administered oxygen with the modern equipment they own. The patient was rushed to a hospital where he recovered. "That man is alive today because we were there with the equipment and we were there fast," Zoellner said.

Maternity cases and heart victims account for many of the cases the rescue squad attends. Others include fractures, asphyxiations, and just transportation for the ailing.

Longest Trips

The longest trip last year, three in fact, was to New York City. The rescue squad, in cooperation with the county Health Department, provided transportation for a "rehabilitation" case. One call took them to Charlottesville, Virginia. Trips to Alexandria and Baltimore are routine.

The rescue squad is on duty at all municipal events where large numbers of people are gathered. Parades, picnics, ball games, and holiday celebrations. First aid is administered and minor injuries are transported to local physicians' offices. Serious injuries are treated at hospitals.

Cooperation with county rescue squads is part of the Greenbelt squad's responsibilities. If Branch- See ZOELLNER, Page 3

'Let's Get Acquainted' For Brotherhood Week

Greenbelt's Brotherhood Week observance next Wednesday night at the Center School building will be a "Let's Get Acquainted" party, with Roy Meachum, 34-C Crescent, WTOP-TV's familiar morning-man, as master of ceremonies.

Residents are invited to attend the entire program, beginning at 8:15, which will include music by several community organizations as well as group singing. The Junior High School Glee Club, the St. Hugh's Boys Choir, and the Community Church Chancel Choir will all be heard, and Mrs. Ethel Gering will sing a solo. Rev. Robert C. Hull will give the invocation, and Mayor Francis J. Lastner will welcome the residents on behalf of the city government. Mrs. Alice Hunter of the District of Columbia Recreation Department, has been recommended as speaker of the evening by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, which sponsors the annual nationwide observance of Brotherhood Week. This year's Brotherhood slogan is "Let's Get Acquainted," which will have a special meet-your neighbor significance in Greenbelt.

A grand march, followed by square dancing and refreshments, will round out the evening's program. Final arrangements were made at last Monday's meeting of the Brotherhood Week committee, when the Greenbelt Lions Club offered to underwrite expenses of the event. Cookies will be baked for the program by several women's organizations, among the dozen or so community groups sponsoring the party.

Wanted--Recruits

The Greenbelt Volunteer Rescue Squad is the only one in the county that has five First Aid instructors, Don Smith, squad chief, announced this week. All others have one or two at the most. The squad is now recruiting new squad members and there is room for all residents who wish to participate directly in the rescue squad organization, he declared. The recruitment drive is being conducted along with the Ambulance Club membership campaign.

New squad members will be given first aid training by certified, competent instructors, and will be able to complete all First Aid courses available. They will then be given certificates, according to their skill, and assignments on the rescue squad schedule.

Ambulance Club Kicks Off Campaign; Rescue Squad's "Most Crucial Year"

The biggest campaign to enroll Greenbelt residents in the Ambulance Club was kicked off this week by the Volunteer Rescue Squad, H. Don Smith, Chief of the Rescue Squad, appealed for generous support for their "most ambitious program."

St. Hugh's Mardi Gras

St. Hugh's Mardi Gras dance will be held in St. Hugh's Parish hall, Friday night, February 26 from 9:30 to 12:30. Howard Devron's orchestra will play for dancing. A drawing for the Boosters Club Savings Bonds of \$25, \$50, and \$100 will be held during the evening. The Booster Club is sponsored by the Holy Name Society of St. Hugh's under the chairmanship of John Santoro.

Minimum membership fee is two dollars a family. For this sum the family will receive 24-hour emergency service in the entire metropolitan area. Modern, up-to-date equipment will be available, and two ambulances are always on call. Rescue Squad members are properly trained in first aid techniques, rescue operations, and all hold Red Cross certificates. Drivers are carefully selected and trained under standards set by the American Automobile Association. Equipment is consistent with standards set up by the Maryland State Police Medical Bureau.

Chief Smith cited their record for 1953 as an example of the important work done in the community. Over 300 calls were made, about fifty percent of which were emergency calls. Maternity cases were involved in 20 percent of the runs, and the remainder were of a routine nature. Two babies were delivered in the ambulance. Several children were resuscitated by equipment maintained by the rescue squad.

City Council Wrestles With Water, Sewer Rates; Increased Charge Due

By I. J. Parker

Final approval of new water and sewer rates was delayed until the next city council meeting, when council members decided to give the problem more consideration. Chief problem confronting the council is increased charges for the service, primarily from adding sewer costs on the water bill to be paid directly by consumers. (The sewer costs were paid from taxes last year.)

In an effort to reduce the charges, Mayor Frank Lastner directed city manager Charles McDonald to determine the costs of water for the swimming pool. GVHC office, Center school, and the athletic club. This amount of water, when estimated, will be deducted from the amount estimated for consumption by residents. (Last year's water use was 210 million gallons; 1952, 217 million.)

Rates for water are determined by an estimate made of water consumption; if this volume can be lowered, the rate charged can automatically decline, Lastner stated.

The water department lost \$3600 last year. This was due, McDonald explained, to water rates which were too low, and the cost of distribution was underestimated. However, this year's water rates will represent a more realistic figure, McDonald declared.

Several members of the city council attended a meeting with representatives of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission last Friday, it was disclosed. Council members admitted they were satisfied that local residents are getting their water and sewer service at much lower rates than possible under WSSC ownership. WSSC officials declared they were willing to operate the Greenbelt water system, and would install meters in each home, it was disclosed. A proposal to give the water and sewer system to the commission in payment for the cost of meters was given slight consideration by WSSC.

Also proposed by Lastner, the costs of water for the swimming pool should be taken from swimming pool revenue, McDonald explained that although it appeared to be just a bookkeeping transaction, the plan was not feasible. McDonald declared that the city would in effect be making out a check for itself. All revenue goes directly into the general fund, McDonald added.

The city council will meet next See COUNCIL, Page 3

Noninations Committee Lists GVHC Candidates

Eight nominations for the board of directors of Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation have been presented this week to the Secretary of GVHC, it was announced by the nominations and elections committee.

Names of the nominees are: Percy Andros, Bruce Bowman, Elliot Bukzin, Edward A. Burgoon, and Ralph F. Webster (all incumbents), and Glenn Burrows, Frank A. Kriby, and Lloyd Moore. Election of the 9-man board will be held at the annual meeting, Tuesday, March 9.

Nominations for the three-man auditing committee, which have been presented to the Secretary are Robert Leo, Herbert Hertz (incumbent), and Sidney Rubin.

Biographical sketches of nominees, which will appear in a forthcoming GVHC newsletter, must be in the hands of the chairman of the nominations and elections committee, Ralph G. Miller, 13-V Ridge, not later than February 24.

Applications for nomination are still being considered by the committee. Nominations to the board or auditing committee also may be presented directly to the Secretary if accompanied by a petition bearing the names of ten members of GVHC. All nominations and written acceptances of nominees must be delivered to the secretary, or to the GVHC office, on or before 5 p.m., Monday, March 8, in order for their names to appear on the ballot.

RED CROSS DRIVE

There will be a 1 hour drive on March 1 for the Red Cross Drive from 7 p.m. thru 8 p.m., the same as for the March of Dimes. Anyone wishing to help in this drive should contact Margaret Mullady at GR. 4-8581.

New Building Planned

Income from the membership drive is expected to be used to improve the service and overall efficiency of the squad. Planned for the future is a rescue squad building, to be erected on land already cleared and leased from the National Guard. The city has purchased radio equipment, both portable and permanently installed, for the ambulances and service is expected to be greatly improved as a result. The rescue squad is considered an important organization in civil defense plans for the community.

Starting February 15, selected residents in each court and apartment building will canvass neighbors with membership cards and additional information. Residents are urged to sign up at that time. New residents, particularly, are welcomed to join the Ambulance Club.

Cub Scout Pack 202

Approximately 130 attended Cub Scout Pack 202's Blue and Gold Dinner last Friday.

Percy Andros was Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

Bryan Tierney, Kenneth Powell, Robert White, Carl Proctor, David Dalbow and Richard Moss entertained the group with songs. They were led by Mrs. Francis White and Mrs. Hans Jorgensen.

Theodore Dalbow, Assistant Scoutmaster, introduced the following committee chairmen: arrangements, Walter Bienia; purchasing, F. G. Miller; serving, Mrs. Pierre Gadot; coffee, Mrs. Kenneth Powell.

New members Jeffrey Chapman, Gregory Loftus and Barry Rubin received their Bobcat pins.

Theodore Dalbow and Jack Ratzkin presented awards. Wolf Badges were awarded to John Santora, Kenneth Powell, Roger Miller, Robert White, Thomas Arnsdorf, Stephen Smith, and Alex

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GVHC Takes Action In Dog Cases, Terminates Two Members Contracts

By Russell Greenbaum

In the most drastic action yet taken in its efforts to enforce the anti-dog regulations, the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation board at its meeting Friday, February 15, voted to terminate the membership and contract of two GVHC families who have repeatedly ignored the board's demands that they remove their dogs from their homes.

The two families concerned are Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Shiren of 8-D Hillside and Mr. and Mrs. John McGee of 7-D Hillside. The vote on the decision was 7-2, which is the two-thirds majority necessary for such action.

Members of both families had been asked to attend the board meeting that night to present their cases, but they failed to appear. A previous request from the board to appear had also been ignored, but inclement weather was accepted by the board as a possible excuse and a later hearing was rescheduled. Paul Campbell, GVHC general manager, reported that each family had been sent about five letters on the matter, none of which were answered.

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HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW GREENBELT?

(Answers on page 4)

1. When was the Greenbelt Volunteer Rescue Squad formed?
2. Do members of the Squad receive any compensation?
3. Why can't the Rescue Squad be supported by contributions at the time of use?
4. Does the Rescue Squad receive any money from the City, County or State?
5. What is the signal for the Rescue Squad?

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Ambulance Club

You never know how important anything is until you actually need it. Many residents are unaware of the importance of the volunteer rescue squad, but it would be unfortunate and distressing to have to find out the hard way. For this reason we are urging every resident to support the rescue squad in its current membership campaign.

For the small sum of two dollars a year, your entire family is assured of emergency ambulance service, by trained personnel, in any necessary situation. Whether it's an accident, a maternity case, a household mishap, or urgent transportation, the rescue squad stands ready every minute of the day.

No other organization in the community can claim the unselfish devotion to the community that the squad maintains. They are volunteers, in the real sense of the word, who are concerned with the welfare and safety of each resident; man, woman and child. Ready in an instant, they must expect and be prepared for minor accidents—or disasters. Their reward is in the satisfaction of helping others; helping at a time when minutes are important, and when proper care is needed.

We are not only helping the rescue squad when we join the ambulance club. We are helping the community, our neighbors, and ourselves.

The squad needs to maintain and improve its equipment. It needs adequate shelter for its ambulances and equipment. This takes money, and it is proper and fitting for the squad to appeal to the residents for support. They devote their time and energies unselfishly, for no gain or pleasure other than a fine sense of civic duty.

This appeal is their way of reminding citizens that they have a chance to encourage and help expand this vital service. It is a real opportunity for citizens to say "thank you" for a job well done, and for a bigger and better job in the future. In each day that passes, some Greenbelt resident is dramatically shown the importance of the rescue squad.

Whether you have used the rescue squad in the past or not, you are being provided with a vital service. The rescue squad is there, waiting, 24 hours a day, for you to call if the need arises. It is well worth two dollars to make sure a rescue squad is available. Your contribution will demonstrate in a real way your sincere interest in the continuance of rescue squad service in the community. Join the Ambulance Club!

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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Greenbelt Theatre

Election of nine directors and three audit committee members. By-law amendments on method of voting.
Bruce Bowman, Secy.

GREENBELT BAPTIST

Meeting in Center School
Rev. Wm. J. Crowder, Ph.D.
Acting Pastor

GR. 3-4844

Sunday, February 21 - 9:45 a.m., Sunday School, J. S. Stewart, Superintendent. Classes for all ages. 11 a.m., Morning Worship, message by Miss Esther Davis, Missionary Department of Christian Friendliness, Chicago Baptist Association, Chicago, Ill. A nursery for babies and small children is maintained during the Sunday School and Worship hours. 6:30 p.m., Baptist Training Fellowship for entire family, Mrs. J. S. Stewart, Director. 7:30 p.m., Evening Worship, Film Strip - "Every Christian's Job," in charge of Albert Niemeyer.

Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Mid-Week Service, Room 201. Center School. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal, 4 Woodland Way.

Saturday, 10 a.m., Children's Choir rehearsal at 34-C Ridge. Mrs. Roy C. Thomas, Director. Phone GR. 3-2977.

HEBREW SERVICES

Rabbi C. Waldman

The regular weekly services of The Jewish Community Center will be held Friday, February 19, at 8 p.m. in the Home Economics Room of the Center School.

Candle lighting time will be at 5:14 p.m.

GREENBELT LUTHERAN CHURCH

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone: GRanite 4-2051

Sunday, February 21: 9:45 a.m., Sunday School and adult Bible Class. Classes are held for all ages. Raymond Carriere, Superintendent. 8:30 and 11 a.m., Church Services. A nursery is maintained for the benefit of parents with small children. 3 p.m., Walther Leaguers meet for a "Real George" Washington birthday party. 7 p.m., Presentation of Church doctrines.

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Harry B. Miles, Associate

Session of the Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Richard Hoffman, Superintendent.

Worship, 11 a.m. Sermon by the Associate Pastor, Mr. Miles. Church School and the Worship Service are held at the North End School, Ridge Road.

Junior Methodist Fellowship, 4 to 5 p.m. Intermediate, 6 to 7 p.m. Senior, 7 to 8 p.m. All meetings of the Fellowship held at the Chapel, Woodlandway.

Choir rehearsals at the Chapel. Boys, 5 p.m. Girls, 6 p.m. Seniors, 8 p.m. Rehearsals at the Chapel.

Thursday, February 25 - W.S.C.S. Fashion Show at the Center School.

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Grant. Michael Ratzkin received his Wolf Badge and Assistant Denner's Badge for Den 7 and Ian Duncan the same for Den 6. David Arensdorf, Bear Badge and Denner's Badge for Den 6, Robert Fink, Bear Badge, a gold and silver arrow. Bear Badges were awarded to Robert Coleman, Jackie Fruchtman, Buddy Reid. Eddie Mason received his 1 year pin.

Reverend Braund announced that Jack Fruchtman had donated the money to sound proof Fellowship Center.

Albert Luce of Denver, Colorado commented and showed a picture "Roadrunner Protects a Boy", a film about a Roadrunner bird and a rattle snake.

A door to door canvass will start this week to collect contributions for the Boy Scout Fund. These donations are given to National Headquarters to pay the salaries of employees of that office and does not go to any individual or troop in Greenbelt.

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Eric T. Braund, Robert C. Hull
Ministers

Elizabeth Goetze
Minister of Music

Friday, February 19 - 7:30, Nominating Committee Meeting, Church Study.

Sunday, February 21 - Morning Worship at 9 and 11. Sermon by Mr. Hull, based in part on the life and work of George Washington, "America's Need of True Religion". Preceding the sermon, Mr. Braund will briefly review the stewardship and mortgage program of our Church and the responsibility of each individual. Coffee Hour following the 11 o'clock Service. Church School Classes at 9 and 11 for Kindergarten and Primary; at 10 for Juniors and Adults. Nursery at 9 and 11, Nursery Room, Fellowship Center. 5-8:30. Fellowship for Junior and Senior Highs.

Tuesday, February 23 - 8, Fidelis Bible Class Meeting, Church Study.

Wednesday, February 24 - 8, Brotherhood Program, Center School.

Thursday, February 25 - 6, Boys Club Dinner, Social Hall.

ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Victor J. Dowgillo, Pastor
GR. 3-5911

Confessions: Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5:30 for children and in the evening from 7 to 9 p.m. for adults.

Sunday: Masses: 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and 11 a.m. This is Communion Sunday for children of the parish. Religious instructions for Catholic children enrolled in public schools, each Sunday after the 8:30 Mass.

Wednesday: Miraculous Medal Novena followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 8 p.m.

Woman's Club Observes Fourteenth Birthday

On Thursday, February 11, the Woman's Club of Greenbelt celebrated its fourteenth birthday. Mrs. Merle Goode, Acting President, in her welcoming speech noted that the Club has passed its infancy and is now in the "teenage" stage. Like most teenagers the Club is having its growing pains. It has lost members through the sale of the town, said Mrs. Goode, but also like teenagers, can acquire poise and knowledge in the coming years.

Mrs. James C. Smith, Chairman of the Committee for the birthday party, introduced the entertainers, Richie Fonda, who played three selections on his accordion, Nancy Kurth, who did two tap routines, and Diane Finlay, who gave a dramatic reading.

Each lady present had to make a hat for herself from a square of crepe paper. Many novel hats were modeled and three winners were selected. Several games were played and winners received prizes. Madame ZaZa, who arrived at the airport from some far away place, was rushed out to Greenbelt in time to tell fortunes at the party. Mrs. Marianne Moore led the group in singing old time song favorites.

Mrs. Lawrence O. Mott, Director of the Club, spoke at the lighting of the candles on the birthday cake, wishing the Club success and each member a very happy birthday. Tables were arranged by months and each member sat at her own birthday month table. Refreshments were served by the committee hostesses.

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Dr. Crowder Attends Conference In Nashville

Dr. and Mrs. William J. Crowder of 4 Woodland Way, will leave this week for Nashville, Tenn., where they will attend the City Missions Conference, of the Home Mission Board, of the Southern Baptist Convention. Belmont College will be host to Superintendents of City Missions from the entire territory of the Southern Convention. Last Sunday afternoon the local Baptist pastor was on the program of dedication of the new Briggs Baptist Church, Massachusetts Avenue near Westmoreland Circle, bringing the scripture lesson and offering the prayer of dedication.

FASHION SHOW

A Fashion Show will be sponsored by the Woman's Society of the Mowatt Methodist Church, at 8:15 p.m. February 25, in the Center School. The proceeds will be added to the Church Building Fund. The models and costumes, featuring moderately priced clothes, sportswear, beach clothes and maternity clothes are from The Hecht Company. The commentator is Miss Ort, fashion coordinator, who will show their adaptations of the latest styles. The men of Greenbelt are invited to attend to see the new ideas worn by a male model. A five year old will show clothes for the lollipop crowd.

Tickets are 50c and refreshments will be served. Call Mrs. Harry McNeel at GRanite 8013.

SODALITY DANCE

The Teen-age Sodality will hold a dance on Sunday evening, February 21, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. in St. Hugh's Parish hall. Tommy McDonald and his Pine Mountain Ramblers will play for dancing. Refreshments and prizes will be available.

Kindergarten Registration

The Greenbelt Cooperative Kindergarten will hold an advance registration for the new season on Wednesday, March 17, 1954, at both the Center and North End schools. Registration will be during the morning only.

Parents of children who wish to enroll them for the Center school session should call Nora Levsky, 4341; those in the North End school area should call Elaine Lundberg, 6008.

THANKS

I wish to thank all the mothers who helped make the "Mothers March on Polio" a successful drive. I also want to thank the members of the Drop Inn for the \$20.55 that was donated toward our drive. The total collections for the Mothers' March was \$551.07 and I understand the total for all the March of Dimes drive was \$1206.00 for Greenbelt.

Margaret Mullady,
Chairman.

GVHC ELECTION

March 9, the date of the GVHC annual meeting and election, should be marked prominently on the calendar of every member of GVHC. The fact that the GVHC has just completed a year marked with considerable success in achieving its objectives is not reason for the members to unburden themselves of the responsibility of maintaining an active interest and voice in the affairs concerning our homes. Let's all be there!

Wayne Tucker,
7-D Crescent Road.

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FOUND - 1 pair of horn-rimmed glasses and miscellaneous items of children's clothing. Call at Greenbelt Theater box-office.

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on March 8, instead of the first, because of a request by councilman Robert Hurst. He explained that he could not attend a meeting on March 1 because of personal business.



By "Big Bear"

All the troops in Greenbelt are busy with their leaders planning and working on the program for the forthcoming INTERNATIONAL THINKING DAY PROGRAM to be held February 28 at the Center school. A nursery is planned, using the Kindergarten room, for children (infants to 4 years is the limit) for the use of the parents during the program. The plan depends upon obtaining volunteers to care for them during this period. Volunteers should be mother, or other adult friends of the girl scout families. A volunteer need not stay the full period; if enough respond the time can be broken up into half-hour periods. Contact 7437 before February 24 if you are willing and able to help.

Troop No. 77 - Leader Mrs. Ott reports that she and her co-leaders, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Boggs, were quite pleased with the Valentine Party given by their girls. The plan originated with the girls and was planned down to the last detail by them. Each girl made her own Lunch Box elaborately decorated as a Valentine and they were auctioned off. The money received will go to the World Friendship Fund.

Troop No. 16 - Leader Mrs. Granins reports her girls are having a Father-Daughter Valentine Party on the 24th. The refreshments are being donated by the parents and the hats, favors and decorations are being made by the girls themselves. The girls are also providing the entertainment and there will be dancing with their fathers. The co-leaders, Mrs. Billigmeier and Mrs. Schneider, will be Valentines for that evening.

Troop No. 49 - Leader Mrs. Wilson - many thanks to you, Mrs. Wilson, for accepting two transfers to your already "filled to the quota" troop. I'm sure your two new "fly-ups" will be so much happier being with a group their own age and where there are many of their friends. Troop 42 hates to lose Christie Zust and Rosalind Flaxman.

Troop No. 42 - lost two of their little Brownies but gained six new little friends. Welcome to our happy group is extended to the new girls and their parents. Lots of activity is planned now that we have such a large group - let's hope we have good weather for our Barbecue dinner planned for February 22.

Uline Arena is giving five weekly 1½ hour sessions in preliminary ice-skating technique for the benefit of those who will be working on their ice-skating badges next fall. There were approximately 10 girls from various troops representing Greenbelt.

WOMAN'S CLUB

On Thursday evening, February 25 at 8 p.m. in the Social Room, Mrs. Benjamin Goldfaden of the Social Service League will speak on "Woman's Club and the Community."

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ville or Bladensburg ambulances are away on calls, the Greenbelt squad stands by. The local squad has two ambulances: a '52 Pontiac and a '46 Cadillac.

"The rescue squad was started in 1948," Zoellner related. "Five men were the original members and three men put up the entire amount for the purchase of an ambulance. The personnel has steadily grown until the present; now 32 men are active members of the Greenbelt Volunteer Rescue Squad."

Local Support Only

The squad is an honorary member of the Prince Georges County Rescue Squad Association. However, the local outfit cannot participate in state funds given to rescue squads, because it is not affiliated with a volunteer fire department. (Greenbelt fire department is not volunteer, but municipally operated.) For this reason the squad depends entirely on contributions from local residents. The squad now owns both its ambulances and equipment outright.

"We need our own rescue squad building," Zoellner declared. "The Court of Gardenway house the present open garages in the 2 ambulances, but leave no room for equipment, which is scattered in various places, and for drills and important exercises. We have no room to park cars when squad members answer a call, and the location of the garages create a traffic hazard."

Present plans for a new building on land near the National Guard Armory anticipate a one story structure that can be expanded on three sides. "Building will begin in the spring," Zoellner remarked. "The location is good, the building will meet all our present needs and can be enlarged easily to meet future requirements. All our equipment will be in one place," he added. "All we need is the support of every resident in our current membership drive."

GREENBELT BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. James Legget, 19-A Hillside Rd., boy; Mr. and Mrs. Norman D. Comeau, 50-E Ridge Rd., boy; Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Acevedo, 37-H Ridge Rd., girl.

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Class B: Employees

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Contest closes April 1.

Help us tell the Co-op Story to members and non-members as well!

Turn in your entry or mail to: Mrs. Taylor, Greenbelt Consumer Services

Greenbelt, Md., on or before April 1, 1954

GREENBELT Consumer Services, INC.

GCS Board Considers New Method Of Member Control For Expansion

By Ralph and Carolyn Miller

The knotty problem facing Greenbelt Consumer Services is to maintain democratic control during an active expansion program. Following several months' study, the board of the co-op has come up with a "congress" type plan of reorganization which they feel will achieve this end.

In brief, the plan provides for the formation of several local area memberships who elect a congress of representatives from which a board of directors may be elected by the members of all the areas.

This plan will be presented for membership discussion at two advisory meetings: the first to be held next Thursday in the Arts and Crafts Room, Center School, Greenbelt, at 8 p.m. A second is scheduled for the meeting room of the super-drug store in Takoma Park for the following evening, Friday, February 26, at 8 p.m. Following these meetings, the plan may be embodied in by-law changes to be submitted to the annual meeting, April 7.

Board members unanimously agree a change in organization is necessary for members of the co-op to continue active control of their growing business.

When all the stores and services were concentrated in Greenbelt the meetings were convenient for members to attend, and communication between the board, management and membership readily available. With the stores added at Takoma Park, the co-op has been able to keep its members informed through advisory meetings both in Greenbelt and in Takoma, through the "Co-op Newsletter" and by the means of scheduling board meetings in both locations. In the same way the board and management have been able to hear views of members in both areas.

Faced with the likelihood of opening a new store in still a third area, the board felt that a new system of representation was needed: to give local store areas a voice in the over-all policy of GCS; to provide communication on all levels and between all store areas; to compensate for the distance between store areas in scheduling membership meetings.

The plan the board seeks counsel on is similar to the organizational plans of European co-ops and many American farm co-ops. It is designed to keep the co-op from growing away from its members. To prevent this, the plan provides for the division of members into store areas, each area electing, by proportional representation, members to a congress (one for each 200 co-op members in the area); the congress to nominate, from its number, members for the board of directors; the membership as a whole to vote in person or by proxy by majority vote for the board.

(While the Hare system of proportional representation is the method prescribed for the election of directors in the GCS by-laws, recent legal opinion has ruled that this is not permissible in the State of Maryland. Hence, in this plan it is proposed that the directors will be elected by the membership by the majority system of voting.)

In addition to its function of nominating directors, the congress would act as an advisory body to the board and as a link with the local memberships. The congress would pass on to the board recommendations made at the local area level, and in turn would keep the area groups informed of board considerations and actions. Local area meetings would be conducted by their representatives to the congress.

The "Co-op Newsletter", now in the mail to the members of GCS, contains an outline of the plan and an organizational chart.

MARRIAGE LICENCES

Joseph M. Lasick, College Park, Barbara C. Bradley, Greenbelt.

Harry E. McGowan, Riverdale, Varina C. Reed, Greenbelt.

James W. Baumgardner, Lanham, Lavon Louise Bordenet, Greenbelt.

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The action taken by the board is based on the clause in the mutual home ownership contract which carries over the Public Housing Authority regulation against pets which was in effect when Greenbelt was under government administration. Both families were residing in Greenbelt at that time.

The Shirens and the McGees will have ten days in which to reply to the notification by the board that their contracts are to be terminated. The dog-owners have the right to appeal the board's decision to the GVHC membership and may do so by petition at the annual meeting on March 9.

Although litigation may possibly result from the action of the board, a majority of the directors felt that firm action was necessary if the rule against dogs is to be enforced.

Inter-County Freeway

A committee from the Greenbelt Citizens Association appeared at the board meeting to plan a united campaign with GVHC to force the relocation of the section of the roadway for the Inter-County Belt Freeway, now planned through Greenbelt.

The committee reported that it had learned that a final decision on the site of the Freeway would be made within three or four weeks by the State Roads Commission and that immediate action was necessary. Ralph Webster, chairman of the GVHC board, revealed that a few days before he had talked to Mr. Drayer, assistant to the chief engineer of the Commission and had received a promise that no action would be taken until the matter had been discussed with representatives of Greenbelt organizations. He has written to Drayer to confirm this promise.

New Voting System

Taken up by the board was a petition that the majority voting system be used in the GVHC annual elections. The week before the board had nullified the Hare system because of its illegality and substituted the plurality system. The petition for a by-law amendment which would call for the use of the majority system means that the members will be called on to decide at the annual meeting whether they prefer the plurality or the majority voting system. There will be no vote on the Hare system.

Landscape Improvement

Webster urged that the board begin serious consideration of doing something to clean up the landscape of Greenbelt. He pointed out that there were areas in which GVHC had clearcut responsibilities.

Hans Jorgensen, chairman of GCA landscape committee, reported that his group was very much concerned with this problem. This was confirmed by Glen Burrows, also of GCA, who added that the action must begin with the city council.

Burrows argued that the fact that Greenbelt residents must leave their cuttings, leaves, cartons, and other such trash in their backyards to await pick-ups depending on phone calls was contributing to the unsightly appearance of Greenbelt. He argued that regular receptacles should be provided by the council for such trash. Webster indicated that he was in complete accord with this and promised that GVHC would take the matter up with the city council.

Elmer F. Hindt, Jr., Greenbelt, Helen Jean Ritter, Greenbelt.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. In 1947 a group of young men recently out of uniform saw the need for a rescue squad, organized one and began soliciting funds. Dick Bates, Werner Steinle, and Bud Gray advanced the money for the first ambulance. It took four years to repay that loan.

2. None of the Rescue Squad members are paid.

3. In the past the Rescue Squad relied on contributions by families who used the service. In order to budget for the building they hope to erect, they need as many memberships as possible paid in advance.

4. No funds come to the Rescue Squad except from memberships and money-raising activities. When a rescue squad is part of a volunteer fire department, funds are available from the county. Our city councils feel that the Greenbelt fire department should not be part of the county volunteer system, however, the residents have better service with the firemen and fire-fighting equipment kept within the city limits.

5. One long blast of the siren is the call for the Rescue Squad. Residents summon the rescue squad by dialing 2011.

Professor Gruchy Talks On Economics & Co-op

"Changing Economic Systems and the Cooperative Movement" was the topic of a public lecture given by Allan G. Gruchy, professor of economics at the University of Maryland, Wednesday night at the Friends Meeting House, 2111 Florida Ave. N.W.



Prof. Gruchy outlined changes occurring in American capitalism, Scandinavian socialism and Russian communism. He described the role of the cooperative movement and its potential future significance in the changing economic scene.

Author of the book, "Modern Economic Thought: The American Contribution," Prof. Gruchy is now preparing for publication a study of the world's major economic systems. He returned recently from a trip to England where he studied the economic program of the British Labour Party.

Prof. Gruchy spoke at the third in a series of six lectures on consumer cooperatives. He was introduced by Paul R. Ashbrook, president of the D. C. Credit Union League. The series is sponsored by the Potomac Cooperative Federation and sessions are held each Wednesday in the Friends Meeting House. Lectures start at 8 p.m. and are followed at 9 p.m. by an hour of open discussion.

Next lecture in the series will be given on February 24 by Wallace Campbell, director of the Washington office of the Cooperative League of the U.S.A. Mr. Campbell will describe the international significance of consumer cooperatives. He will be introduced by Dillon S. Myer, executive director of Group Health Association.

Programs and information about the lecture series are available from Gail M. Harper, 2-B Eastway, or from the Greenbelt Consumer Services office.

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